# In the United States Court of Federal Claims

# OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS No 20-0880V

UNPUBLISHED

JASMINE DEDE.

Petitioner,

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: January 19, 2022

Special Processing Unit (SPU); Damages Decision on Proffer; Concession; Table Injury; Influenza (Flu); Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (SIRVA).

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## **DECISION ON DAMAGES**<sup>1</sup>

On July 20, 2020, Jasmine Dede filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*<sup>2</sup> (the "Vaccine Act"). Petitioner alleged that she experienced a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") resulting from administration of the influenza ("flu") vaccine on November 1, 2017. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On November 12, 2021, I issued a ruling that Petitioner was entitled to compensation for her SIRVA. ECF No. 32. On January 6, 2022, Respondent filed a proffer on an award of compensation, to which Petitioner agrees. ECF No. 36 (attached hereto

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because this unpublished Decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

as Exhibit A). Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$50,000.00. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a).

The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.<sup>3</sup>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran Brian H. Corcoran Chief Special Master

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

# IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

JASMINE DEDE,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

No. 20-880V Chief Special Master Corcoran ECF

#### RESPONDENT'S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

On July 20, 2020, Jasmine Dede ("petitioner"), filed a Petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended ("the Vaccine Act" or "the Act"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34. Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA") in her right shoulder as a result of an influenza ("flu") vaccine administered on November 21, 2017. On November 12, 2021, the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("respondent") filed a Rule 4(c) Report indicating that this case is appropriate for compensation under the terms of the Act, and the Chief Special Master issued a Ruling on Entitlement finding petitioner entitled to compensation. ECF No. 31; ECF No. 32.

#### I. Items of Compensation

### Pain and Suffering

Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$50,000.00 in actual pain and suffering. See 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(4). Petitioner agrees.

The above amounts represent all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

### II. Form of the Award

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

Respondent recommends that the compensation provided to petitioner be made through a lump sum payment as described below:

A lump sum payment of \$50,000.00, in the form of a check payable to petitioner, Jasmine Dede.

Respectfully submitted,

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